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Mr. Ben P. Haynes  
Quarterly Program Chairman  
Rotary Club of Houston  
1011 Sheraton Houston Hotel  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you for your letter of 25 June regarding my talk to the Rotary Club of Houston. I am enclosing a biography and photographs as well as a suggested introduction which gives the title of my speech. I do not want to hold a press conference prior to the meeting. However, I will be happy to answer questions from the audience after my presentation.

I greatly appreciate your offer of letting me select guests for the head table. There is no one in particular I can think of to add, so I will leave the composition to your good judgment.

As my successor is to be sworn in soon and my connection with the Agency thus severed, you can reach me hereafter at the following address and telephone. Please note that the telephone number is unpublished.

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I will do as you suggest with regard to travel and I will probably arrive in Houston the evening of the 8th of September. Reservations at the Rice-Rittenhouse would be just fine. I look forward to seeing you then.

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Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters  
Lieutenant General, USA

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## SUGGESTED INTRODUCTION

General Walters joined the United States Army as a Private in 1941 and advanced through grades to Lieutenant General in 1972 when he was appointed Deputy Director of CIA. Almost all of his career has been spent in intelligence and on foreign assignments. He has interpreted for four U.S. Presidents and speaks eight languages. He has served as deputy to four directors of the Central Intelligence Agency. He left the Agency on 1 July and retired from the Army on 31 July after serving over 35 years. General Walters holds many U. S. and foreign decorations including the U.S. National Security Medal.

General Walters will be happy to answer questions today following his talk on "Why the United States Needs Effective Intelligence".